

**CITY, VILLAGE, AND TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 164 of 1877**

**397.215 Contract for use of library services by county; joint library board; number of directors; provisions of contract; vacancies; removal of director; vacating offices of directors; powers and duties of joint library board.**

Sec. 15. (1) In a county which does not have a county library established under Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1917, being sections 397.301 to 397.305 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or counties in which the population exceeds 1,000,000, a contract for use of library services under section 13 may provide for joint representation on the library board of directors. A joint library board shall not have more than 9 directors.

(2) A contract for use of library services that provides for joint representation may provide that a director serving on a library board on the day before the establishment of a joint library board shall become a director of the joint library board and shall serve out the balance of his or her unexpired term.

(3) A contract for the use of library services shall specify all of the following:

(a) Whether those directors added to an existing library board to create a joint library board are elected or appointed.

(b) The method of election or appointment of those directors added to an existing library board to create a joint library board.

(c) Lengths of terms of office of those directors added to an existing library board to create a joint library board. The terms of the added directors shall be staggered. If a contract establishing a joint library board is terminated, the terms of all added directors shall end on the date of termination.

(d) The method of removal of, and the causes upon which removal may be based for, a director added to an existing library board to create a joint library board.

(e) The method of filling a vacancy in the office of a director added to an existing library board to create a joint library board. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

(f) Any other provision which is considered necessary or advisable.

(4) Selection, length of terms, manner of filling vacancies, and removal of the directors of the existing library board who become directors on the joint library board shall continue to be governed by state law or by the township, city, or village charter.

(5) If a contract for use of library services that provides for joint representation does not provide that directors on the existing board become directors on the joint library board, the offices of the directors of the existing board shall be vacated on the date the joint board assumes jurisdiction and the contract shall include those provisions required by subsection (3) which shall apply to the entire joint library board.

(6) A joint library board established under this section has the same powers and duties as a city library board under sections 5 to 7.

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